

CDF NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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CDF to Demonstrate Fire Fighting Aircraft At Wildfire Awareness Week Kick-Off Event Monday, May 6, 2002

Who: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF)

What: Wildfire Awareness Week Kick-Off Event

Where: CDF Aviation Unit at McClellan Air Field (map attached)

When: Monday May 6, 2002 at 10 A.M.

Sacramento- With this year's theme "**You provide the defense, we'll provide the offense**", CDF asks residents to create a defensible space around their homes allowing firefighters a safe place to take a stand and protect their property and their lives.

With guidance from CDF, California citizens have formed more than 100 Fire Safe Councils in the past 10 years. These councils actively promote fire safety at the local level. Members have made their own homes fire safe and have supported projects that have made their communities more fire safe as well. Several members of Fire Safe Councils will be present at this event and will share what they have done to "Provide the Defense".

Visuals:

Fire fighting apparatus

Demonstrations of airtanker and helicopter water drops

Demonstrations of on-the-ground fire fighting techniques

Wildfire videos showing homes with and without defensible space.

Interview Opportunities:

CDF Management

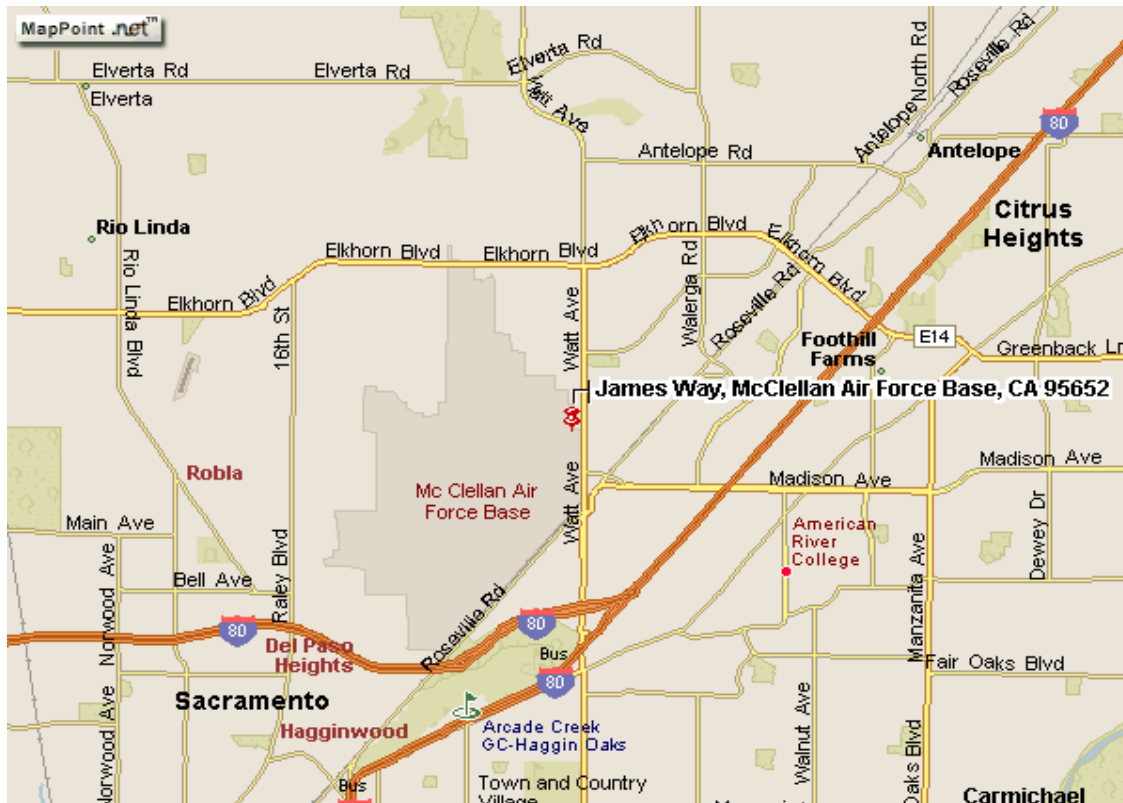
Firefighters who will be battling wildfires this summer

Homeowners who have made their homes defensible

Pilots who will be fighting fire from the air this summer

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1. **Depart** on I-80 Bus [Capital City Fwy] (East)
2. Turn **RIGHT** (North) onto **Watt Ave**
3. Turn **LEFT** (West) onto **A St**
4. **Arrive** James Way, McClellan Air Force Base

